

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Ken Coleman
DATE: April 7, 2015
RE: Marijuana Public Input Session

Based on the results of the Planning and Commission (P&Z) public input session regarding marijuana regulations, it seems prudent to follow the same general format. This public input session with City Council will be conducted with the same expected meeting protocol – respect for diverse viewpoints, limit comments to 5 minutes, and repeating the identical comments is discouraged. It is also noted that the P&Z focused on land use related topics, and public comments in this session are encouraged to be broader in context to include licensing, land use, and other related issues.

The ordinance structure, the process for the ordinance development, and the anticipated scheduling for the ordinance adoption include this public input piece as well as staff research. The categories addressed in Code revisions include licensing and permitting, enforcement, land use, and building regulations. It is anticipated that the final draft ordinance will be reviewed by council on June 2, 2015 with first and second reading to adopt these regulations being completed June 23rd.

City staff has developed an alternative buffer map based on the comments received during the P&Z workshop (see attachment). The new staff map rendition prohibits marijuana establishments within 1,000 foot buffer from schools, day-care facilities and the University campus. It also prohibits marijuana establishments from fronting on the same street as any Residential District zone. Please note that this buffer scenario does not cover the entirety of the CBD and B-1 District. Based on previous Council discussions, the staff assumes that marijuana establishments would be prohibited in the CBD and B-1 District zones; however, this staff assumption must be a specific direction by the Council. All of the draft buffer maps will be available for viewing on the council chamber TV screens. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other suggestions regarding this approach.

